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List of Governors and Lieutenant Governors From Colonial Times to Date.

This is the most complete list of the governors of South Carolina ever published, and is the first list ever published, so far as I know, of the lieutenant governors. It is furthermore distinctive in that I do not ask anyone to take it on faith, the citation of the authority for every statement is explicitly given. For this reason I hope it may be of value to historical students. The list taken from McCrady's history is substantially correct though there are some minor inaccuracies, as he himself indicates at another place. Lack of time prevented my going to the sources for these 25 governors, but, for the convenience of readers, I insert them.

In saying a governor before the civil war was elected (on December 10, e. g.) I name the day on which he was declared elected, though occasionally the voting may have been a day or so previous.

President, Vice President, Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Deputy Governors and Acting Governors of South Carolina from 164 to 1895.

This list of 25 proprietary governors is taken from the appendix of McCrady's South Carolina under the proprietary government, 1670-1719. It is inserted here for the convenience of those who may wish to preserve in one place a complete list. Those after James Moore, Dec. 21, 1718, are compiled by me from the records in the secretary of state's office and in the legislative library. The authorities beginning with 1842 are in the latter, with the exception, which is noted at the proper place. D. D. W.

1. Sir John Yeamans, governor and lieutenant governor of the province of Carolina, 11th of Jan., 1664-1665.
2. Wm. Sayle, first governor of the colony established on the Ashley river, July 26, 1669; died Sept. 1670.
3. Joseph West, chosen by council on death of Sayle, Sept. 1670; removed by proprietors, April 19, 1672.
4. Sir John Leimans, proclaimed by proprietors April 19, 1672; removed Aug. 12, 1764.

5. Joseph West, proclaimed by proprietors April 18, 1674; removed May 18, 1682.

6. Joseph Mor(e)ton, appointed by proprietors May 18, 1682; removed April 1684.

7. Richard Kyrie, appointed by proprietors April 29, 1684; died 1684.

8. Robert Quarry, chosen by council on death of Kyrie 1684; removed by proprietors March 11, 1684.

9. Joseph West, appointed by proprietors March 11, 1684; retired Sept. 1685.

10. Joseph Mor(e)ton, chosen by council, Sept., 1685; confirmed by proprietors, removed 1686.

11. James Colleton, appointed by proprietors 1688; overthrown by revolution 1690.

12. Seth Sothell, assumed government as a proprietor Oct. 6, 1690; yielded to Ludwell, appointed by proprietors Nov. 2, 1691.

13. Phillip Ludwell, appointed by proprietors Nov. 2, 1691; removed by proprietors Nov. 28, 1693.

14. Thomas Smith appointed by proprietors Nov. 28, 1693; retired 1694.

15. Joseph Blake, chosen by council 1694; removed by proprietors Aug., 31, 1694.

16. John Archdale, appointed by proprietors Aug. 31, 1694; retired 1696.

17. Joseph Blake, appointed by Gov. Archdale as deputy on his retirement under special power, 1696; appointment confirmed by proprietors April 25, 1697; died 1700.

18. James Moore, chosen by council 1700; not confirmed by proprietors, but allowed to exercise office until June 18, 1702.

19. Sir Nathaniel Johnson, appointed by proprietors June 18, 1702; removed Dec. 9, 1708.

20. Col. Edward Bygones, p. c. by proprietors Dec. 9, 1708; died 1709.

21. Robert Gibbs, chosen by council, 1709; not confirmed by proprietors, but allowed to exercise office until 1712.

22. Hon. Edward Craven, appointed by proprietors 1712; retired April 25, 1716.

23. Robert Daniel, appointed by Gov. Craven as his deputy on his retirement under special power, April 25, 1716; removed April 30, 1717.

24. Robert Johnson, appointed by proprietors April 30, 1717; proprietary government overthrown Dec. 21, 1719.

25. James Moore, son of former governor, chosen by the convention Dec. 21, 1719.

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"All the following are compiled by me from the records.—D. D. W."
ROYAL APPOINTMENTS.

26. (1) Francis Nicholson, commissioned on (or perhaps a few days after) Sept. 20, 1720. "Public records of South Carolina." (manuscript, Vol. 18, 193. (Hereafter referred to as Pub. Rec.)

27. (2) Robert Johnson, commission approved Dec. 11, 1729. Pub. Rec. Vol. 13, 419. (Nicholson and Johnson were full governors.)

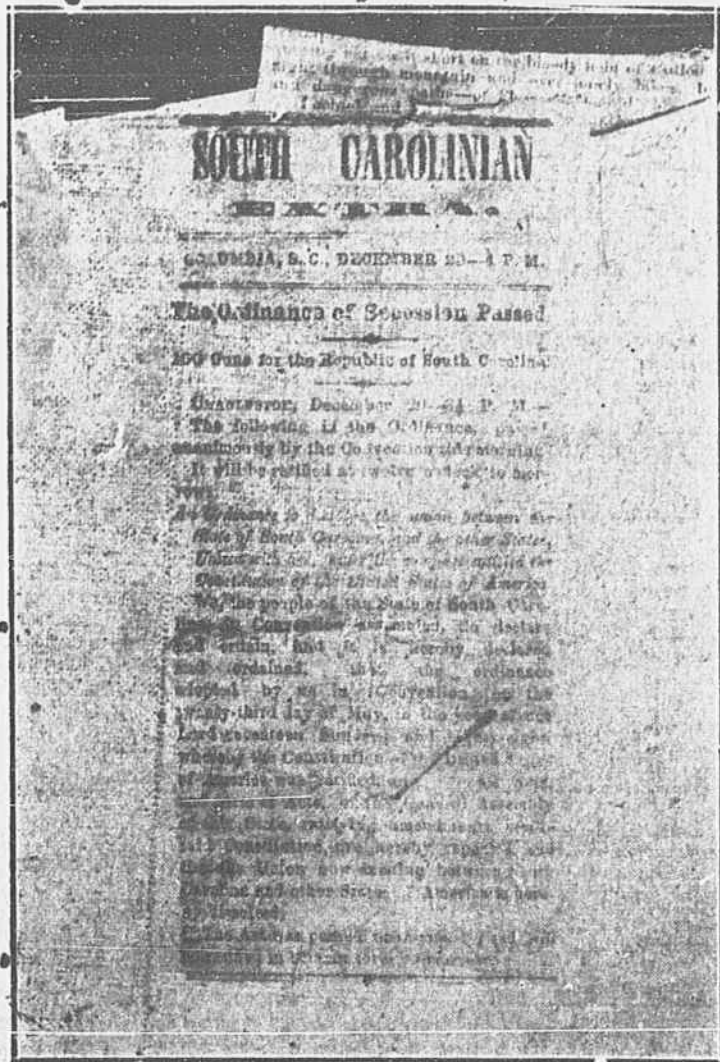
28. (3) Thomas Broughton, lieutenant governor, commissioned Oct. 1, 1730. Pub. Rec. Vol. 15, 283, 295. Died Nov. 25, 1737. Ib. Vol. 18, 312.

29. (4) William Bull, succeeds as eldest member of council as lieutenant governor, Pub. Rec. Vol. 18, 312.

30. (5) James Glen, governor, Commissioned and instructions completed Sept. 5, 1739. Pub. Rec. Vol. 20, 169.

31. (6) William Henry Lyttleton, governor, Appointed Jan. 23, 1756. Pub. Rec. Vol. 30, 132, 152.

32. (7) William Bull, lieutenant governor, Appointed temporarily and served the interval between the de-



This is a facsimile, exact size, of the smallest newspaper extra ever issued.—It is the South Carolinian, published in Columbia, Dec. 20, 1860, announcing that the secession convention had passed the ordinance which was the cause of war. Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs, who reported the secession convention for the newspapers, is yet living at Clinton, one of the few survivors of that stirring scene.

parture of Lyttleton and the arrival of Boone, from April 5, 1760, to Dec. 23, (7). 1761. Pub. Rec. Vol. 28, 268, 328; common house journals of South Carolina, No. 24, 270, 271. Bull regularly appointed lieutenant governor March 17, 1761. Pub. Rec. Vol. 29, 73.

Note 1.—Native South Carolinians were never appointed to the dignity of governor; that honor was bestowed only on Englishmen. The governor was addressed as "His Excellency, the lieutenant governor as "His Honor." The lieutenant governor did not succeed to the title of governor on the death of the governor, nor was there any connection or association between their terms of office. Both held during royal pleasure, and there might be a number of governors to one lieutenant governor, as indeed was the case. The pay of both was the same. The lieutenant governor received nothing during the service of the governor.

Note 2.—This Lieut. Gov. William Bull was the son of the lieutenant governor of the same name mentioned above as No. 29. No. 29 died about 1754 or 1755, before his son was ever lieutenant governor.

33. (8) Thomas Pownall, governor. Commissioned Nov. 27, 1759. Pub. Rec. Vol. 28, 270, 275. Before ever entering upon the exercise of his office he was superseded by Thomas Boone, March 20, 1761. Pub. Rec. Vol. 29, 58.

34. (9) Thomas Boone, governor. Appointed March 20, 1761; commissioned May 4, 1761. Pub. Rec. Vol. 29, 58; Vol. 30, 308. Arrived in Charleston on or about Dec. 23, 1761. Common house journal No. 34, 270, 271. Pub. Rec. Vol. 30, 143.

35. (10) William Bull, lieutenant governor, Appointed Nov. 27, 1759, and commission apparently signed that same day. Pub. Rec. Vol. 28, 274, 279.

36. (11) Lord Charles Greville Montagu, governor. Instructions dated Feb. 19, 1766. Pub. Rec. Vol. 30, 309. Commission undated in South Carolina records, Ib., 308. Connection makes it appear that instruction and commission here the same date. Arrived June 12, 1766. Ib. Vol. 31, 72. Leave of absence on account of bad health from May 20, 1768, to Oct. 30, 1768. Lieut. Gov. Bull filled the interim. Interval of Lord Montagu's Pub. Rec. Vol. 32, 8, 12, 60.

37. (17) William Bull, lieutenant governor, from May 20, 1768 to Oct. 30, 1768. See above.

38. (12) Lord Charles Greville Montagu, governor from Oct. 30, 1768 to July 31, 1769. Pub. Rec. Vol. 32, 69, 91.

39. (14) Williams Bull, lieutenant governor from July 31, 1769 to June 17, 1775. Pub. Rec. Vol. 32, 91; Vol. 35, 117.

40. (15) Lord William Campbell, governor. Instructions prepared June 20, 1774. Pub. Rec. Vol. 34, 47. Arrived June 7, 1775. Ib. Vol. 35, 117. Flew to British ship in Rebellion road, Charleston harbor Sept. 15, 1775. Charleston year book for 1884, 335. Pub. Rec. Vol. 35, 262, 271; common house journal No. 39, 314; No. 40, 4. ELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE. For the counties or districts of the governor to 1884. (I am indebted to the Charleston year book for 1884, also for a few other details, which will all be credited where they occur. I assume no responsibility for them though I have no doubt they are accurate.)

41. (1) 1776-1778, John Rutledge, of Charleston, president Elected March 26, 1776. Henry Laurens, vice president Elected same day, Journal of the H. of R. of South Carolina, Vol. 40, 12.

42. (2) 1778-1780, John Rutledge, of Charleston, governor, Journal H. of

R. vol. 4, a. Appears that Henry but I cannot prove it. Ib. 187.

43. (3) 1780-1782, John Rutledge, of Charleston, governor. H. of R. Journal 1782, 13.

44. (4) 1782-1783, John Matthews, of Charleston, governor. Christopher Gadsden elected governor but declined. Both elected Jan. 29, 1782. H. of R. Journal 1782, 36. Lieut. Gov. Richard Hutson. Ib. 37. Elected same day.

45. (5) 1783-1785, Benjamin Guerard of Charleston, governor. Richard Beresford, lieutenant governor. Both elected Feb. 4, 1783. H. of R. Journal. Vol. 43, part 1, 96.

46. (6) 1785-1787, William Moultrie, of Charleston, governor. Elected Jan. 21, 1789. H. of R. Journal, vol. 49 part 1, 71. Alexander Gillon, lieutenant governor; elected Jan. 22, Ib. 74.

49. (9) 1791-1792 (Feb. 15, 1791 to December 5, 1792). Charles Pinckney of Charleston, governor. Isaac Holmes, lieutenant governor, both elected Feb. 15, 1791. H. to R. Journal, part 1, 247, 272.

50. (10) 1792-1794, William Moultrie of Charleston, governor. Elected Dec. 4, 1792. H. to R. Journal 1792-4, 79. James Ladison, lieutenant governor Ib. 80.

51. (11) 1794-1796, Arnoldus Vandershoe of Charleston, governor. Lewis Morrie, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 17, 1794. H. of R. Journal 1794, 195.

52. (12) 1796-1798, Charles Pinckney of Charleston, governor. Robert Anderson, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 8, 1796. H. of R. Journal 1796, 98.

53. (13) 1798-1800, Edward Rutledge of Charleston, governor. John Drayton, lieutenant governor. Both elected December 6, 1798. H. to R. Journal 1798, 102, 103. Governor died January 23, 1800, and was succeeded by the lieutenant governor. Charleston Year Book for 1884, 335.

54. (14) 1800-1802, John Drayton of Charleston, governor. Richard Winn, lieutenant governor. Both elected December 4, 1800. H. to R. Journal 1800, 63-4.

55. (15) 1802-1804, James P. Richardson of Charleston, governor. Ezekiel Pickens, lieutenant governor. Both elected December 8, 1802. H. of R. Journal 1802, 82.

56. (16) 1804-1806, Paul Hamilton of Charleston, governor. Thomas Sumter, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 7, 1804. H. of R. Journal 1804, 126, 129.

57. (17) 1806-1808, Charles Pinckney of Charleston, governor. John Hopkins, lieutenant governor. Both elected December 9, 1806. H. to R. Journal 1806, 60.

58. (18) 1808-1810, John Drayton of Charleston, governor. Elected Dec. 7, 1808. H. of R. Journal 1808, 60. F. Nance, lieutenant governor. Elected Dec. 8, 1810. H. to R. Journal 1810, 71, 72.

60. (20) 1812-1814, Joseph Alston of Georgetown, governor. Elected Simkins, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 10, 1812. H. of R. Journal 1812, 110, 118.

61. (21) David R. Williams of Darlington, governor. Elected Dec. 10, 1814, or perhaps a day or so before. Senate journal 1814, 149. House journal 1814 cannot be found. All these journals through 1841 are manuscript, to only a very few of which any duplicates exist. History of South Carolina college (1851), by Dr. Laborde, leaves a blank where lieutenant governor's name should be. I can find no reference to the lieutenant governor in senate journal. That official was in those days such an unimportant part of the government that quite frequently the journals of the houses electing him simply state that an election for lieutenant governor was held, and contain no further reference to the man or the subject. There is no guarantee that if the missing house journal could be found we should learn who was lieutenant governor, though it is rather probable. I frequently have to use the journals of both houses to discover this simple fact.

62. (22) 1816-1818, Andrew Pickens of Edgefield, governor. Gen. — Cuthbert, lieutenant governor. (Even the official scribes seem not to have known Gen. Cuthbert's initials; the historian of the S. C. college was equally ignorant.) Both elected Dec. 5, 1816. H. of R. Journal 1816, 72, 73. Probably James Cuthbert, says Senator Joseph W. Barnwell of Charleston.

(23) 1818-1820, John Geddes of Charleston, governor. Elected Dec. 3, 1818. William Youngblood, lieutenant governor. Elected Dec. 18, 1818. H. of R. Journal 1818, 106, 147.

64. (24) 1820-1822, Thomas Bennett of Charleston, governor. William C. Pinckney, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 7, 1820. H. of R. Journal 1820, 39, 91.

65. (25) 1822-1824, John L. Wilson of Georgetown, governor. Elected Dec. 7, 1822. Henry Bradley, lieutenant governor. Elected Dec. 23, H. of R. Journal 1822, 112, 117.

66. (26) 1824-1826, Richard Manning of Clarendon, governor. William A. Bull, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 3, 1824. H. of R. Journal 1824, 120; senate journal 1824, 80, 88.

67. (27) 1826-1828, John A. Witherspoon, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 9, 1826. H. of R. Journal 1826, 139, 141; senate journal 1826, 104.

68. (28) 1828-1830, Stephen D. Miller of Sumter, governor. Thomas Williams, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 9, 1828. H. of R. Journal 1828, 135, 141; senate journal 1828, 104.

69. (29) 1830-1832, James Ham-

ton Jr. of Charleston, governor. Patrick Noble, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 9, 1830. H. of R. Journal 1830, 133.

70. (30) 1832-1834, Robert Y. Hayne of Charleston, governor. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 10, 1832. Senate journal 1832, 85; H. of R. Journal 1832, 101, 103.

71. (31) 1834-1836, George McDuffie of Abbeville, governor. Whitmarsh B. Seabrook, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 9, 1830. H. of R. Journal 1834, 89.

72. (32) 1836-1838, Pierce M. Butler of Edgefield, governor. H. of R. Journal 1836, 70. William DuBose, lieutenant governor. Senate journal 1836, 78. Both elected Dec. 10, 1836.

73. (33) 1838-1840, Patrick Noble of Abbeville, governor. Elected Dec. 7, 1838. H. of R. Journal 1838, 103.

Died April 7, 1840. On the fly leaf of a record book of local officers 1819 to 1847 is written in lead pencil: "Gov. Noble died on the 7th April, 1840. Lieut. Gov. Hennegan qualified a governor on the 17th April, 1840. Dr. Thomas Smith elected lieutenant governor and declined. H. of R. Journal 1838, 105, 156. Dr. B. K. Hennegan elected Dec. 18, 1838, Ib. 1914.

74. (34) 1840, B. K. Hennegan of Marlboro, governor. See above, Governor from April 7, 1840, to Dec. 10, 1840. Senate journal 1840, 75.

75. (35) 1840-1842, J. P. Richardson of Clarendon, governor. W. K. Clowney, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 9, 1840. H. of R. Journal 1840, 89.

(Beginning with 1842 the journals of the two houses are published, and can be seen in the legislative library, south

side, east end, second alcove, down stairs.)

76. (36) 1842-1844, Isaac Dunham Witherspoon, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 8, 1842. H. of R. Journal 1842, 81; Ib. 1844, 67.

77. (37) 1844-1846, William Alken of Charleston, governor. J. E. Ervin, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 7, 1844. H. R. Journal 1844, 83, 83.

78. (38) 1846-1848, David Johnson of Spartanburg, governor. William Cain lieutenant governor. (Beat William Gilmore Simms 81 to 71, and 6 votes were scattering.) Both elected Dec. 8, 1846. H. of R. Journal 1846, 13, 115.

79. (39) 1848-1850, Whittemarsh B. Seabrook of Edisto Island, Charleston county, governor. William H. Gist, lieutenant governor. Both elected Dec. 12, 1848. H. of R. Jour. 1848, 127.

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